

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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June 12, 2007

TO:

Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION:

Natural Resources Commission

Transaction:

Purchase of Tax-Reverted Land under Act 123, P.A. 1999

State Forest Land Acquisition

Roscommon Management Unit - Ogemaw County

Land Transaction Case #20070133

Purchase:

40 acres - To be purchased from Ogemaw County in the amount of

\$177,228.00 as provided by statute. 2006 SEV \$88,614.00.

Description:

Ogemaw County, Foster Township, T24N, R01E, Section 33. The SE ¼ of

the SE 1/4.

Authority:

Act 123, P.A. 1999, amended Act 206, P.A. 1893, and Section 211.131 of

the General Property Tax Act.

Notice:

This item will appear on the Department's July 2, 2007 Calendar and is

eligible for approval on July 9, 2007.

Comments:

The Department is proposing to acquire this parcel under Authority of Act 123, P.A. of 1999. Prior to 1999, the Department had the authority to retain tax-reverted parcels at no cost for natural resources and recreational purposes. Act 123, P.A. of 1999, now grants the Department the first right of refusal to acquire tax-reverted properties by paying fair market value or minimum bid, whichever is greater. This first right of refusal applies to all lands that have been foreclosed upon either by the local county or the State

of Michigan under Act 123.

The 40-acre parcel exhibits a level topography with upland on half of the tract and marginally-drained soils on the remainder. Forest Cover consists of a variety of northern hardwoods as well as lowland conifer species. The tract contains an old house and two garages which will be removed by Forest, Mineral and Fire Management (FMFM) following the completion

of the purchase.

Acquisition of this parcel will significantly contribute the Department's goal of consolidating ownership, securing valuable deer habitat and increasing public recreational opportunities in the central portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Recommendations:

- (1) That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated for Deer Range Habitat Acquisition, as contained in Act 153, Public Acts of 2006.
- (2) That the improvements be removed by FMFM following the completion of the transaction.

David E. Freed, Chief Land and Facilities

Lynne M. Boyd, Chief Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

William E. Moritz, Chief Wildlife

Arminda S. Koch Resource Management Deputy Dennis R. Fedewa Chief Deputy

I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries Director

Date Approved

PURCHASE OF TAX-REVERTED LAND UNDER ACT 123, P.A. 1999 State Forest Land Acquisition Roscommon Management Unit - Ogemaw County Land Transaction Case #20070133

